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STILL A VITAL DOCTRINE.

The chief argument urged in the United States senate against the ratification of the Taft peace treaties is that they are a menace to the Monroe doctrine. Their opponents claim that by entering into such an agreement with Great Britain and France, the United States would be signing away its right of effective protest were one of those powers to attempt an encroachment upon the soil of the western hemisphere.

It would take an expert in international law to determine definitely the merits of this claim. Unfortunately it will not be decided on its merits. It is doubtful whether the senate contains a better lawyer than William H. Taft and he is urging the treaties' acceptance.

Could it be established beyond a doubt that these proposed international peace agreements did threaten the Monroe doctrine, it is safe to say that the president would find small response to his pleas for popular support. The Monroe doctrine is one of America's few contributions to the body of international law. The nation stands behind it today as firmly as it has at any time since the doctrine was formulated.

Neither is it a mere silent protest of American citizenship against European aggression in the particular field they consider theirs to protect. The United States does not tell foreign powers to keep hands off and then sit idly by and permit their self-appointed guardianship to rust from disuse.

Uncle Sam remains the guardian angel of the two Americas. It was just the other day that he sent practically his entire available land forces to the Mexican border. To invade and conquer? Far from that; his object was to protect as far as possible the interests of other nations in the land of the rebellious subjects of Diaz.

An American revenue officer is in charge of the finances of little San Domingo, saving the republic from bankruptcy. Were the hand of the Washington government withdrawn from the support of the Panama republic it is doubtful whether that Isthmian people could stand alone. Cuba too, is far from certain of continued independent existence. Twice the United States has stepped in to free these island people. Another intervention may mean a permanent occupation, but the people of the United States are hopeful that so extreme a measure may not be necessary.

The bureau of American republics with headquarters in Washington is maintained for the purpose of binding the people of the two Americas together for political protection, commercial advancement and the social welfare of their people. The United States is, of course, the predominating figure in the organization; she is the big sister of the group.

What the development of the western hemisphere might have been without the Monroe doctrine, it would be useless even to conjecture. It is safe to say that history would have taken a different course on a variety of occasions, and the United States would have failed to make the best use of its

opportunity for helpfulness. The Monroe doctrine has too many friends to make any tampering with it politically profitable. The free people of two continents stand behind it.

Twenty-eight votes decides an election all right but this twenty-eight votes also brings considerable surprise to the community. Majorities yesterday were figured considerably higher, all of which goes to show that figures in politics are uncertain regardless of who makes them.

Uncle Horace Vose sent President Taft a forty pound turkey for Thanksgiving, and now a man in Freeport, Ill., threatens to send him for Christmas a bird weighing fifty-eight pounds. Can you blame the man for wanting to be re-elected?

Such meetings as the one held last night by the Commercial club bring one to a realization that La Grande is quite a little city.

The election is over now, get ready to eat that Christmas turkey and play with the kids during the holidays.

Still it is not recorded that the London suffragettes threw any bricks at windows in which the latest creations in millinery were displayed.

About this time of the year it may be observed that a boy no sooner breaks in a pair of shoes than he begins to break out.

Mayor Shank of Indianapolis, is headed for the presidency not at a canter, but at a turkey trot.

The nearest approach to smoking countenanced by Andrew Carnegie has to do with the pipe of peace.

The Thanksgiving or Christmas turkey, however, scorns paper bag cookery.

Mexico wants reciprocity with the United States, but Mexico must first go and get a reputation.

Cyanide of potassium surely never before had such a run of popularity as it enjoyed in 1911.

Officer McLachlen has no surplus flesh, how could he run so fast?

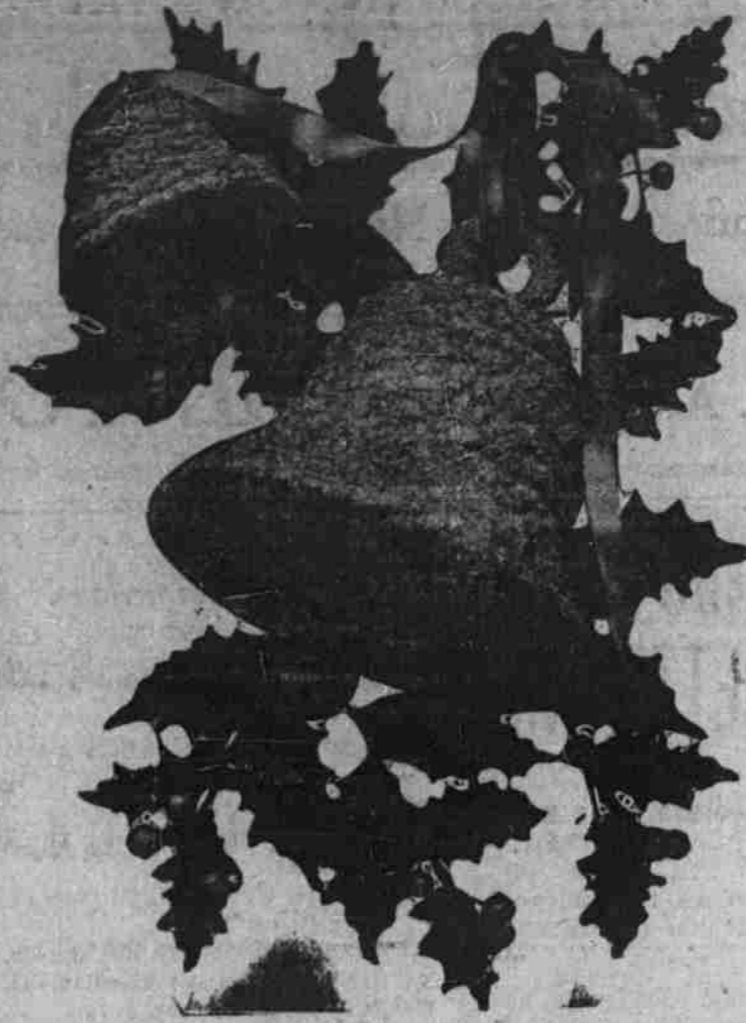
Some hair tonics, however, raise more hope than hair.

CHINATOWN AND BOWERY

Everybody has heard or read of New York's East side. More interesting types of humanity can be found here than any other place in the United States. In some quarters the squalor and misery of the sweat shops, tenements, cheap lodging houses and even in the streets is pitiful. When one looks at the long line of dejected and down hearted wretches waiting at the Fleischman bakery for a crust of stale bread it certainly makes one think that "Charity should begin at home."

On the Bowery are the famous resorts such as the "Atlantic Garden," Barney Flynn's cafe, "Kelley's Dance hall," "Steve Brody's place" and others.

Here are the Italians with their push carts, fruit stands and street pianos. There "Little Hungary" with its restaurants and rathskellers. Over yonder "The Ghetto" where clothing and pawn brokers signs predominate. Just around the corner is Chinatown where the celestials live just as in their own land with their stores, or-



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